

REMARKS

Claims 21-39 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-20 have been cancelled. Claim 21 has been amended. Claims 22-39 are new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

Claim 21 has been amended to include the limitation of Claim 1.

New Claims 22-39 are the same as original Claims 2-19 but they have been amended to depend from Claim 21.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-19, drawn to a catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass 300+.
- II. Claim 20, drawn to a method of purifying an automobile exhaust gas using a catalyst, classified in class 423, subclass 210+.
- III. Claim 21, drawn to an automobile exhaust gas purifying device, classified in class 422, subclass 170+.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Invention III defined by Claim 21. Applicants believe that new Claims 21-39 read on the elected invention.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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